

Birdwatching Holidays in Spain, Morocco & more...

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BIRD HIGHLIGHTS

TOUR Morocco	DATES 14 th March to 24 th April 2012
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Party:

Tour Leader: Josele J. Saiz

Total Number of Species: 182

Weather & Sites:

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Day 1 – 14.03.12	Nice and sunny Marrakesh airport – Atlas Mountains Okaimeden
Day 2 – 15.03.12	Nice and sunny Marrakesh - Oukaimeden
Day 3 – 16.03.12	Nice and sunny Marrakesh – BRWP – Amerzgane –Ouarzazate Reservoir - Boumalne
Day 4 – 17.04.12	Nice and coudy Boumalne Dades- Tagdilt Track – Dades Gorge– Imitier
Day 5 – 18.04.12	Nice and cloudy Dades River – Goulmina – Rissanni - Merzouga
Day 6 – 19.04.12	Nice clouds and sunny Merzouga Oasis - Begaa
Day 7 – 20.03.12	Nice sunny and windy Erg Chebi Dune – Café Yasmine – Zaf-Zaf - Tafilal
Day 8 – 21.03.12	Cloudy and storms Risanni cliffs – Tinerhir palm grove – Ouarzazate Reservoir.
Day 9 – 22.03.12	Clouds and sunny Ouarzazate Reservoir – Ouarzazate Plains –Aolouz – Sous valley - Agadir
Day 10 – 23.03.12	Cloudy windy dusty Souss Massa – Oued Souss - Agadir
Day 11 - 24.03.12	Cloudy but nice Tamri – Marrakesh airport

Money for conservation has gone to: Desert Sparrow Project in Merzouga

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1	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis			X					X		X	
2	Great Crested Grebe	Podiceps cristatus			X					X		X	
3	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo maroccanus								X		X	х
4	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	
5	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea Egretta alba										X	
7	Great White Egret Little Egret	Egretta garzetta								X	X	X	х
8	Squacco Heron	Arderola ralloides								_^_	X		^
9	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	х	x	х	х	х			х	X	х	х
10	Black Crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax								Х			
11	White Stork	Ciconia ciconia	х	X	Х	х	Х						
12	Bald Ibis	Geronticus eremita											60+
13	Glossy Ibis	Plegladis falcinellus										40+	
14	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia								X		X	X
15	Greater Flamingo	Phoenicopterus ruber								X		X	
16 17	Ruddy Shelduck Common Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea Tadorna tadorna								X		X	X
18	Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos								х		X	Х
19	Northern Shoveler	Anas clypeata								^	х	<u> </u>	X
20	Marbled Teal	Marmaronetta angustirostris									3		20+
21	Tufted Duck	Aythia fuligula											X
22	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus			х		х			2		2	
23	Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus										х	X
24	Black Kite	Mivus Migrans			X	х	х		X	X		X	
25	Short-toed Eagle	Circaetus gallicus										1	
26	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus harterti			X	X		Х	X	X	X	X	X
27	Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus			X	Х		X		X			X
28 29	Eurasian Sparrowhawk Northern Goshawk	Accipiter nisus punicus Accipiter gentilis	X		X			X					
30	Long-legged Buzzard	Buteo rufinus cirtensis		2	X	х	х	х			х		
31	Bonelli's Eagle	Hieraaetus fasciatus	1			2	^						
32	Booted Eagle	Hieraeatus pennatus	•		х	X				х			
33	Eurasian Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	х	x	X	X	х	Х	х	X	x	х	х
34	Lanner Falcon	Falco biarmicus erlangeri						X	X	2			
35	Barbary Falcon	Falcop peregrinoides								2			
36	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus minor											X
37	Barbary Partridge	Alectoris barbara spatzi									10+	2	
38	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix									10+	1	
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74	Black-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles orientalis				7					6		
75	Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon	Columba livia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
76	Common Woodpigeon	Columba palumbus		X	X			.,	.,			X	X
77 78	Eurasian Turtle Dove Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia turtur Streptopelia decaocto	Х	х	X	х	х	X	X	Х	x	Х	х
79	Laughing Dove	Streptopelia senegalensis	^		X		X	X		X	X	X	X
80	Pharaoh Eagle Owl	Bubo ascalaphus				1							
81	Little Owl	Athene noctua saharae										X	
82	Egyptian Nightjar	Caprimulgus aegyptius						1					
83	Red-necked Nightjar	Caprimulgus ruficollis										3	
84 85	Common Swift Pallid Swift	Apus apus Apus pallidus	· ·		· ·	X	X			X	· ·	X X	X
86	Little Swift	Apus affinis	Х	Х	X						X 4	Х	х
87	Common Kingfisher	7 pas amino									h		
88	Blue-cheecked Bee-eater	Merops persicus					20+						
89	European Bee-eater	Merops apiaster									X	Х	X
90	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	X		X	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
91	Whryneck	Jynx torquilla						Х					
92	Great Spotted Woodpecker Levaillant's Woodpecker	Dendrocopos major Picus viridis vaillantii	1	2			X						
94	Bar-tailed Lark	Ammomanes cincturus arenicolor						4	4				
95	Desert Lark	Ammomanes deserti payni			10	10+	2		6	2	X		
96	Greater Hoopoe Lark	Alaemon alaudipes				6	1	4	2	1			
97	Thick-billed Lark	Ramphocoris clotbey				1	3	2					
98	Greater Short-toed Lark	Calandrella cinerea rubiginosa			X	x	X	X	X	X	X		
99	Lesser-short Toead Lark	Calandrella rufescens minor				2							
100	Crested Lark Thekla Lark	Galerida cristata randonii Galerida theklae aguirrei		h	X	X	X	Х		X	X	X	X
101	Horned Lark	Eremophila alpestris		<u>3</u>	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
103	Temminck's Lark	Eremophila a bilopha			6	6	1						
104	Bank Swallow	Riparia riparia					x		х	х		Х	
105	Plain Martin	Riparia paludicola mauretanica										5	
106	Eurasian Crag Martin	Hirundo rupestris	X	X	X	x						X	
107	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
108 109	Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo daurica rufula Delichon urbica			.,		X	X	X	.,	X	X	X
1109	House Martin White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	х	х	X	X	X	X	Х	X	XX X	X X	X
110	Moroccan wagtial	Motacilla alba subèrsonata	^	^	^		^	_^_		^	X	X	
111	Blue headed Wagtail	Motacilla flava					X	х					
	Spanish Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flavalberiae				X	X	X	х		X	X	
112	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	X	Х									
113	Twany Pipit	Anthus campestris						X					
114 115	Tree Pipit Meadow Pipit	Anthus trivalis Anthus pratensis		v			X	Х			X	X	
116	Common Bulbul	Pycnonotus barbatus	×	x	X	×	X			X	X	X	Х
117	Firecrest	Regulus ignicapillus		Х						-		-	
118	White-throated Dipper	Cinclus cinclus		X									
119	Eurasian Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes		h									
120	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius									2		
121	Eurasian Blackbird	Turdus merula mauretanica	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
122 123	Song Thrush Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus bonapartei		х				h					
124	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis		^							х	Х	х
125	Streaked Scrub Warbler	Scotocerca inquieta					6						
126	Cetti's Warbler	Cettia cetti		h	h		1			h	2		
127	Eurasian Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus scirpaceus							X			h	
128	Sedge Warbler	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus							X				Х
129 130	Isabeline Warbler Willow Warbler	Hippolais opaca Phylloscopus trochilus			~		v		v		х	2	v
131	Common Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita	х		X		X	X	X	х	X	X	X
132	Iberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita brehmii			-				1?		-		
133	W Bonellis Warbler	Phylloscopus bonelii						X	X				
134	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla	х	Х			X				X		
135	African Desert Warbler	Sylvia nana deserti						3					
136	Greater Whitethroat	Sylvia communis			.,		.,		X	.,	.,	.,	
137 138	Subalpine Warbler Sardinian Warbler	Sylvia cantillans Sylvia melanocephala			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
139	Spectacled Warbler	Sylvia melanocephala Sylvia conspicillata			A		X		Α		X		X
140	Tristram's Warbler	Sylvia deserticola moroccana				1							
141	European Robin	Erithacus rubecula	Х										
142	Common Nightingale	Luscinia magarhynchos					X		X	X			
143	Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica					X						
144	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros		Х	X	X							
145 146	Comon Redstart Moussier's Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus Phoenicurus moussieri		4	3	1	X	Х	Х	X	X	X	X
170	moussier s iteustalt	, Hoomourus moussien					^	l		L			^

147	Common Stonechat	Saxicola torquata			Х			1				Х	
148	White-crowned Wheatear	Oenanthe leucopyga augra			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	^	
149	Black Wheatear	Oenanthe leucura		4	3	5	^	^	^	^	1		
150	Northern Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe		X	X		х	х	х	х	X	Х	х
151	Magreb Wheatear	Oenanthe halophila		-^-	^	1		-^ -		<u> </u>	^	^	^
152	Red-rumped Wheatear	Oenanthe moesta				12	5						
153	Black-eared Wheatear	Oenanthe hispanica			1	1			1	2	1		
154	Desert Wheatear	Oenanthe deserti homochroa			-	1	6	2	2	2	X		
155	Fulvous Babiler	Turdoides fulvus							4	_			
156	Coal Tit	Periparus ater atlas		х									
157	Great Tit	Parus major excelsus	Х	x									
158	Short-toed Treecreeper	Certhia brachydactyla		X									
159	African Blue Tit	Cyanistess ultramarinus	X	X	X	X							
160	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis algeriensis	-	x			х			х	х	x	x
	Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis elegans						х	х				
161	Woodchat Shrike	Lanius senator	x	х					X	х	х	X	X
162	Black-crowned Tchagra	Tchagra senegala cucullata										2	-
163	Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica mauretanica	x	х	х						х	х	X
164	Red-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus		X									
165	Yellow-billed Chough	Pyrrhocorax graculus		X	х								
166	Brown-necked Raven	Corvus ruficollis					80+	X	X	X			
167	Common Raven	Corvus corax tingitanus			х								
168	Spotless Starling	Sturnus unicolor	X	х	X		х				х	x	X
169	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus tingitanus	X	X	X	х	X	Х	х	х	X	X	X
170	Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispanolensis							X				
171	Desert Sparrow	Passer simplex							4				
172	Rock Sparrow	Petronia petronia barbara		3									
173	Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs africana	x	x	х		х				х	х	
174	Red Crosbill	Loxia curvirostra			X								
175	European Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris	x		х		х			х	х	х	
176	European Goldfinch	Carduelis carduelis	X	х	х		х			х	х	х	
177	European Serin	Serinus serinus	Н	X	X		X			X	X	X	
178	Crimson-winged Finch	Rhodopechys sanguinea aliena		30+									
	Trumpeter Finch	Rhodopechys githaginea zedlitzi			_								
179	Trumpeter Finch	Knodopecnys gitnaginea zediltzi			7	61	X	X	X	X	X		
179 180	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus		x	7	61	X	X	X	X	X	х	
				<i>x</i> 5	7	61	X	X	X	X	X	x	
180	Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	X		7 x	61 x	x	X	X	x	X	x	×
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana	X	5				X	X				×
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana	X	5				X	X				X
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana	x	5				X	X				x
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies	x	5				<u>x</u>	X				X
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles Uromaxtix Acanthinarus	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies Clouded Yellow	X	5				X	X				X
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles Uromaxtix Acanthinarus Long footed Fringe-toed Lizard	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies Clouded Yellow Greenish Black Tip	X	5				X	*				×
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles Uromaxtix Acanthinarus Long footed Fringe-toed Lizard Spanish Terrapin	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies Clouded Yellow Greenish Black Tip Morrocan Orange Tip	X	5				X	X				X
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles Uromaxtix Acanthinarus Long footed Fringe-toed Lizard Spanish Terrapin Med Spur-thinged Tortoise	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies Clouded Yellow Greenish Black Tip Morrocan Orange Tip Large White	x	5				<u>x</u>	X				X
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles Uromaxtix Acanthinarus Long footed Fringe-toed Lizard Spanish Terrapin Med Spur-thinged Tortoise Saharan Green Frog	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies Clouded Yellow Greenish Black Tip Morrocan Orange Tip Large White Cleopatra	x	5				X	X				X
180 181	Cirl Bunting Rock Bunting House Bunting Other Sightings Reptiles Uromaxtix Acanthinarus Long footed Fringe-toed Lizard Spanish Terrapin Med Spur-thinged Tortoise Saharan Green Frog Green Toad	Emberiza cirlus Emberiza cia africana Emberiza striolata sahari Butterflies Clouded Yellow Greenish Black Tip Morrocan Orange Tip Large White Cleopatra Moroccan Blue	x	5				X	X				X
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Bird of the tour

John Packer - Moussier's Redstart

Neil Frampton - Cream Cloloured Courser

Dave Anderson - Black Shouldered Kite

Dennis Hall – Thick Billed Lark

Maurice Dengate - Bonelli's Eagle

Rita Dengate - Cream Coloured Courser

Gerald Bailey - Crimson Wing Finch

Pauline Bailey - Lanner Falcon

Barbara Clay - Cream Coloured Courser

Peter Deans - Mousier's Redstart

Janet Deans - Mousier's Redstart

Josele J Saiz - Desert Sparrow

Moroccan Specialities from 14th March 24th 2012

What we saw

Bald Ibis – More than 50 birds walking and feeding in Tamri area and nearby along the coast.

Marbled Duck – Despite this year the best site for the species - the Lake of Merzouga - being dry, we were lucky to find a group of 2 birds in the Ouarzarzate Reservoir mora than 20 at Souss Massa and at least 2 more at Oued Souss

Long-legged Buzzard – Common in the "hammada" plains and other parts of southern Morocco.

Lanner Falcon – Excellent views an adult early morning hunting at The Tagdilt Track. Two adults perched in the cliffs near Rissani.

Barbary Falcon – Two birds perched in the cliffs near Rissani.

Barbary Partridge – 10 birds where disturbed when walking near Tadourant , 2 more birds crossing the track when waiting for the late Red Necked Nightjat, we had 2 on the ground just before dusk.

Cream Coloured Courser – During the drive to Boumalne, 4 individuals were located not far from Ouarzarzate. Several encounters of different groups from Boumalne and Merzouga. Remakable two birds 3 metres from the coach at the Tagdlit Track

Spotted Sandgrouse - Near Rissani more than 50+ individuals walking no more than 20 metres from the group, .

Crowned Sandgrouse – At Mfis more than 50 birds early morning in the nearby allotments landing for drinking.

Laughing Dove - Common in the Sous-Massa area as well as in the Erg Chebi oases.

Pharoah Eagle Owl – Superb views in daylight of one bird perched near Tinerhir.

Egyptian Nightjar – Thanks to our nomad in Mfis (now used by all companies) we enjoyed superb early morning views of an individual flying over the stony desert

Little Swift - Common in Marrakesh and Agadir.

Blue-cheeked Bee Eater – The specie we failed in the previous tour arrived late than usual, We ahd a group of more than 20 birds near Jorf.

Levaillant's Woodpecker – One bird at Ourika Valley flew over our heads. Before Okaimeden we had a lovely male perch in a pylon for few minutes few kilometres later in the same road a male was perched in a leave less Walnut tree fro a long time.

Bar-tailed Lark – Common bird in the sandy areas of southern Morocco, with several close encounters to study them.

Desert Lark- Common in the rocky areas south of the Atlas and quite confident. Several pairs displaying.

Greater Hoopoe Lark – One of the stars of the Moroccan avifauna. We had superb views of several pairs displaying; the male sings and jumps up in the air, diving down in "Kamikaze" fashion, but always surviving to do it again. A real natural attraction.

Thick-Billed Lark – After a long search in the clean areas of the Tagdlit Track without success we went to the rubbish tip where we fond one single nibvird surrownded by trash (a shame). Luckely near Boulmane Dades we found 3 more on its rocky habitat feeding seeds. Near Mfis 2 birds where very confident on the ground while we were searching for Desert Warbler.

Horned Lark – I've seen and significant decrease of this species in the Atlas. Only three birds we could localize after a long search in the Okaimeden valley.

Temminck's Lark - Common in the "hammada stoney desert". Elegant walker through the artemisa vegetation, the small stones and between the numerous plastic bags of the dirty "Plasdilt" track.

Plain Martin – We had good views of 5 birds of the last individuals breeding in the Sous Massa National Park.

Common Bulbul – The commonest Moroccan speciality spread through almost all habitats, except in the alpine meadows. Noisy singer early morning in Agadir.

Streaked-Scrub Warbler – A record for us 6 birds in not more than 500 metres near Goulmine.

Isabelline Warbler – Recently split from Western Olivaceous Warbler. We had few numbers of them singing and displaying in Sous Massa National Park.

African Desert Warbler - 3 different birds in 3 different stops in the right habitat near Merzouga desert.

Tristram's Warbler - At Dades Gorge we had 1 individual really close.

Moussier's Redstart – This jewel of Morocco is common from Oukaimeden at 2,600 metres above sea level right through to the Sous Massa, near Agadir, at just a few metres above sea level. Many enjoyable stops to study this beautiful creature.

White-crowned Wheatear – The commonest wheatear in the desert and stoney desert areas of Morocco associated with urbanisation. Many chances to return with good photographs of this species.

Magreb Wheatear- Formally part of the Mourning Wheatear species. An obliging bird came where we were preparing our lunch.

Red-rumped Wheatear – Very common along the Tagdilt Track and hammada desert from Ouarzarzate to Tinerhir. We recorded countless individuals during our visits to the proper habitats.

Desert Wheatear - Beautiful wheatear, although not numerous, is well spread in the desert areas. Several pairs along the Tagdilt Track, Ouarzarzate Plains and Oued Derkaoua.

African Blue Tit – Common in the Atlas and the river beds to the south of the High Atlas.

Black-crowned Tchagra – Scarce and localised along the Atlantic coast and the Sous Valley influence. One individual was singing at Sous Massa and performed for us his sweet song from a tree, we left the area and he was still singing.

Brown-necked Raven – Confined to the desert, we had excellent views early in the morning and late in the day, of several individuals. We were able to appreciate that the "chocolate brown" colour is spread throughout the body, apart from the wings and not confined only to the neck. A big flock of more than 70 individuals flying at Erg Chebi

Desert Sparrow - At Erg Cheby dunes we had amazing views of a pair perch on a bush with the first light of the morning. Other pair near the next box at Albergue Jazmina

Fulvous Babbler - 4 birds in the Begaa oasis jumping from palm to pam tree.

Trumpeter Finch – Nomadic bird well spread in southern Morocco. Good numbers of birds drinking in the oases and feeding in the oueds.

Crimson-winged Finch – A group of 30 birds were feeding near the Okaimeden sky resort. We saw few more , probably from the original bunch, when walking along the Okaimenden valley.

What we missed

Houbara Bustard – Since our first year visiting Morocco, in 2003, we have sought the opions of the local nomads and drivers. We are now sure that the wild specimens had disappeared in the area by the beginning of the 1990's. The individuals you can see today in Merzouga in February/March are those realised from captivity in December to be

hunted with falcons by the Arabian Kingdom's falconers. These Houbara Bustards never survive until the summer, being predated by foxes and other predators. If any of them try to breed, the net of local wardens working for the Arabians are paid 20€ for each Houbara Bustard egg. Although we will devote some time to searching for the Houbaras, just in case, I recommend you do not 'tick' it as a proper species.